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TAGS: ETRD, UK

SUBJECT: BRITISH VIEWS ON THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS.

REF: LONDON 13715, NOVEMBER 23, 1973.

1. WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME WORK WITH TARIFF-HARMONIZATION  
SCHEMES, PARTICULARLY THOSE PROPOSED BY GATT, AND ARE MOST  
INTERESTED IN DTI COMPUTATIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 6  
OF REFTEL.

2. WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IF EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN  
FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING DTI COMPUTER RUNS, IN PARTICULAR:

A) WHICH DATA BASE ARE THEY USING, E.G., GATT TARIFF AND  
TRADE DATA, 1970 AS REPORTED IN COM/IND/W/91, 17 OCTOBER  
1972; GATT TARIFF STUDY OF JULY 1970; OR DATA BASE

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DEVELOPED BY DTI?

B) ARE THEY WORKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HARMONIZATION SCHEMES SUGGESTED BY GATT OR DEVELOPING THEIR OWN FORMULAS? (SEE COM/IND/W/91/ADD.9 FOR DETAILS.)

C) ASSUMING THE SCHEME IS APPLIED SECTOR BY SECTOR, WHICH DEFINITION OF SECTORS IS BEING USED, E.G., GATT PRODUCT CATEGORIES, BTN HEADINGS, OR OTHER DEVELOPED BY DTI? FOR THE DEFINITION CHOSEN, WHICH TARIFF AVERAGE IS BEING USED?

D) IS AGRICULTURE INCLUDED? IF NOT, IS IT TREATED IN THIS FRAMEWORK AT ALL?

E) WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF "COMPARABLE BENEFITS"? IS IT BASED ON DUTIES COLLECTED, TRADE COVERAGE, TRADE CREATION AND/OR TRADE DIVERSION?

F) DEPENDING UPON WHICH DEFINITION IN (E) IS USED, WHAT SPECIFIC COMPUTATIONAL TECHNIQUE OR FORMULA IS APPLIED TO DETERMINE "BENEFITS", E.G., TRADE CREATION MODEL WITH ASSUMED ELASTICITY RANGES?

G) WHAT ARE THE COUNTRIES COVERED IN THE STUDY? (ARE "HARMONIZATION CUTS" BY JAPAN AND CANADA INCLUDED?) KISSINGER

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